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MAY 24, 2026 | PENTECOST SUNDAY | ARTIST: JEAN RESTOUT

FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Birthday! Well, it's the birthday of the Church anyway, and that includes you.

Recently I was asked what gifts of the Holy Spirit I wanted to get for Pentecost. I really did not know how to answer, because I think I already know how God is and is not going to use me in a given situation. I responded by saying that each of us doesn't get every gift, and I already knew what gifts God has given me, and I should just go out and exercise them rather than asking for more things. The person responded by saying, "Well, I just thought that since Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, maybe you would want to ask for gifts from the Holy Spirit." That definitely got my attention; it is a simple, docile, and childlike way to approach the birthday of the Church. God wants us to ask for more and it is good to be hungry for more of the graces of God so that He can bless others through us and use us to help bring them into His friendship. We certainly can't determine how the Holy Spirit will use us, but we can be more zealous in asking for more and be humble enough and open to the idea that God may want to use us in a way that He hasn't done before. So, I decided to ask for some more of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. That's step one. Step two is that after we ask, we must put ourselves in a position to discern what the Lord is doing and exercise the gifts. This means that if you ask for the supernatural gift of healing, you must then pray for people to be healed. Then you can see what happens. If you ask for a prophetic gift like a word of knowledge, you must listen to the Lord for what He is saying. Then you need to share what you think God is saying with someone who can help you discern if it is the voice of God. First, we ask the Holy Spirit and then we are sent out to bring the Good News of the Gospel to the world.

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

God Bless You, *Fr. Dan*

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

CAMPUS MINISTRY YEAR IN REVIEW

by Sr. Lisa Zelfa, SGL | Director of Campus Ministry

What a joy-filled year it has been! This year was full of adventures, laughter, friendship, and countless opportunities to proclaim the Lord's name on campus. We are so grateful for all that God has done in and through our students, missionaries, and supporters!

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and support throughout this year. Please continue praying for our staff and students this summer as we seek the Lord and prepare for all He has in store for next year!

HERE ARE JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS YEAR:

TRIPLE THE MISSIONARY

Having Scott join the mission team this year was such a gift, and we are excited to share that we will have three missionaries serving next year!

OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD OUTREACH

From street evangelization to plant giveaways, outreach on campus led to some of our favorite memories and meaningful encounters with students.

COMMISSIONED INTO THE WORLD

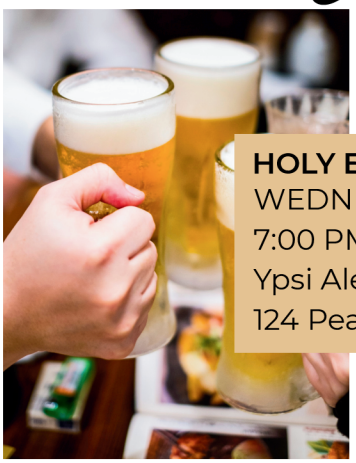
This year, we were blessed to "graduate" several members of SJBridge, commissioning them to go forth and make disciples beyond EMU and WCC.

IMPACT IN NUMBERS

Thanks to your generous No Shave November donations, 30 students were able to attend the SEEK Conference and encounter Christ in a powerful way.

SJBeat

Ongoing opportunities for prayer, formation, and community at SJB. Invite a friend and dive deeper into discipleship!



HOLY BREWS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

JUNE ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

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MEN'S MINISTRY MORNING
SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH
6:00 AM
downstairs in the PLC

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES"

- JUNE 22ND – Angels

MONDAYS AT 6:30
downstairs in the PLC

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WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH
after the 8 AM Mass
downstairs in the PLC

WORSHIP NIGHT
ON SUMMER RECESS.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

At St. John the Baptist, we partner with families to intentionally form youth into joyful missionary disciples. We walk with families and youth in their discipleship journey, offering meaningful opportunities to grow in their faith and belong to a Christ-centered community.

Sign up for our email list to stay up to date on Youth Discipleship Opportunities including Family Faith Formation, Wildfire - Middle School Ministry, and High School Ministry.

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FOOD PANTRY

Through our Food Pantry, St. John the Baptist serves neighbors in need while inviting parishioners to live out Christ's call to love and serve others. Join us in this mission by volunteering, especially if you are bilingual (Spanish-speaking), or by spreading the word to those in need.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS
Thursdays from 6:00–7:30 PM.
Hours may vary during holidays.

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PRESBYTERATE AND DIACONATE ORDINATION

The Presbyterate and Diaconate Ordination of Seminarians for the Diocese of Lansing will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Please keep our parish seminarian, Paul Keenan, in prayer as he prepares to be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

A brief reception and opportunity to receive first blessings will follow in the St. Thomas School Gymnasium.

Deacon-elect Paul Keenan will also be at our 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, June 6, to celebrate with our parish community.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026
10:30 AM
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH, EAST LANSING, MI

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISITC PROCESSION

Join us on Sunday, June 7, for a Corpus Christi Procession as we witness to our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The procession will begin following the 11 AM Mass and include three prayer stops. Together, we will pray in a special way for the students of Eastern Michigan University, the university community, and the work of SJB Campus Ministry. All are welcome to participate in this beautiful witness of faith and prayer. Families are encouraged to bring strollers or other items that may support their children's participation.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
AFTER THE 11 AM MASS
APPRX. 1-1.5 HOURS, 1.1 MILE ROUTE

SJB APPAREL STORE

The SJB Apparel Store is now open! Browse a selection of practical, comfortable gear for all ages. A portion of each purchase comes back to the parish, supporting our ministries and strengthening our shared parish life. Orders can be placed online at your convenience. Take a look and represent SJB wherever you go!

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS!

SJB parishioners are invited to enroll their children (grades 1st - 7th) in this fun, faith-filled experience focused on the virtue of Fortitude and its daughter virtues: magnificence, industriousness, and patience.

Through Scripture, the lives of the saints, and hands-on activities, children will learn, create, sing, and grow as Holy Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus.

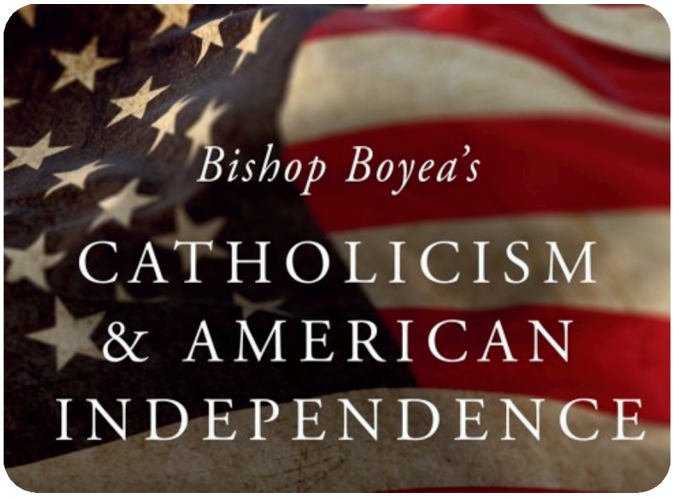
JUNE 15 - 19
CHRIST THE KING, ANN ARBOR
SCAN QR CODE TO
LEARN MORE AND REGISTER

OPUSCULA SUMMER CAMP 2026

OPUSCULA is designed to give 6th–8th grade boys a joyful and formative experience through outdoor fun, fellowship, and hands-on learning. This year's camp includes Roman history, historical foam weapon battle reenactments, board games in Latin, sports, and more.

Through discussion-based classes and activities, St. Joseph the Worker Academy forms boys in faith while helping them grow intellectually, physically, and spiritually.

JUNE 22 - 26,
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
THE ACADEMY



BISHOP BOYEA'S CATHOLICISM & AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE SERIES

This July 2026 we will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. While Catholics were very few in number in North America back then, they did have a presence. Join Bishop Earl Boyea over the next seven weeks as he reflects on the lives of our fathers and mothers in the faith in what today is the United States.

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THE SERIES ON YOUTUBE!

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

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JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR…

Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
Rebecca McKenzie
Fred Hall
Tom Moffit
Ben Hunt
Peter Wadaga
Susan Jose
Barb Stimach

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 25TH
12:15 PM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

TUESDAY, MAY 26TH
6:00 PM: That we all completely surrender to God
Requested by Melissa Florian

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH
8:00 AM: The Intentions of Daniel Crowder
Requested by Ellen Meyer

THURSDAY, MAY 28TH
6:00 PM: The Intentions of Chloe Bess
Requested by Ellen Gibson

FRIDAY, MAY 29TH
3:00 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH
8:00 AM: The Intentions of Melissa Florian
Requested by Melissa Florian

5:00 PM: *To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.*

SUNDAY, MAY 31ST
9:00 AM: People of the Parish

11 AM: † Nancy Rolph
Requested by David & Sue Stolarski

FUNERAL NOTICE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia L. Parin. The Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, May 30 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Ypsilanti, MI. Visitation: 9:00–10:00 AM; Funeral Mass: 10:00 PM.

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HOMILY OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV

ST. PETER'S SQUARE | SUNDAY, 8 JUNE, 2025 | EXCERPT

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us that in Jerusalem at that time there was a multitude of people from various backgrounds, yet "each one heard them speaking in his own native tongue" (v. 6). In a word, at Pentecost, the doors of the Upper Room were opened because the Spirit opens borders. As Benedict XVI explained: "The Holy Spirit bestows understanding. The Spirit overcomes the 'breach' that began in Babel, the confusion of mind and heart that sets us one against the other. The Spirit opens borders... The Church must always become anew what she already is. She must open the borders between peoples and break down the barriers between class and race. In her, there cannot be those who are neglected or disdained. In the Church there are only free men and women, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ" (Homily for Pentecost, 15 May 2005).

Here we have an eloquent image of Pentecost, one that I would like to pause for a moment and reflect upon with you.

The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves. The Holy Spirit comes to challenge us, to make us confront the possibility that our lives are shrivelling up, trapped in the vortex of individualism. Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning "social" media, we risk being ever more alone. Constantly connected, yet incapable of "networking". Always immersed in a crowd, yet confused and solitary travellers.

The Spirit of God allows us to find a new way of approaching and experiencing life. He puts us in touch with our inmost self, beneath all the masks we wear. He leads us to an encounter with the Lord by teaching us to experience the joy that is his gift. He convinces us, as we just heard in Jesus' words, that only by abiding in love, will we receive the strength to remain faithful to his word and to let it transform us. The Spirit opens our interior borders, so that our lives can become places of welcome and refreshment.

The Spirit also opens borders in our relationship with others. Jesus tells us that this Gift is the love between him and the Father that comes to dwell within us. We then become capable of opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, overcoming our rigidity, moving beyond our fear of those who are different, and mastering the passions that stir within. The Spirit also transforms those deeper, hidden dangers that disturb our relationships, like suspicion, prejudice or the desire to manipulate others. I think too, with great pain, of those cases where relationships are marked by an unhealthy desire for domination, an attitude that often leads to violence, as is shown, tragically, by numerous recent cases of femicide.

The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, brings to maturity within us the fruits that enable us to cultivate good and healthy relationships: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Gal 5:22). In this way, the Spirit broadens the borders of our relationships and opens us to the joy of fraternity. This is also a critical yardstick for the Church. For we are truly the Church of the Risen Lord and disciples of Pentecost if there are no borders or divisions among us; if we are able to dialogue and accept one another in the Church, and to reconcile our diversities; and if, as Church, we become a welcoming and hospitable place for all.

Finally, the Spirit also opens borders between peoples. At Pentecost, the Apostles spoke the languages of those they met, and the confusion of Babel was finally resolved by the harmony brought about by the Spirit. Whenever God's "breath" unites our hearts and makes us view others as our brothers and sisters, differences no longer become an occasion for division and conflict but rather a shared patrimony from which we can all draw, and which sets us all on journey together, in fraternity.

The Spirit breaks down barriers and tears down the walls of indifference and hatred because he "teaches us all things" and "reminds us of Jesus' words" (cf. Jn 14:26). He teaches us, reminds us, and writes in our hearts before all else the commandment of love that the Lord has made the center and summit of everything. Where there is love, there is no room for prejudice, for "security" zones separating us from our neighbors, for the exclusionary mindset that, tragically, we now see emerging also in political nationalisms.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
MAY 30TH & MAY 31ST

SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
USHERS		
Jeff Decker	Carolyn Bradley	Alex Uram
Jeff Kerner	Stephen Bradley	Steve Uram
Need Volunteer	Jude Lussier	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Vince Zahm
GREETERS		
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Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
LECTORS		
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SACRISTAN		
Toni Esteva	Maralee Meyer	Judy Ramirez
ALTAR SERVERS		
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Need Volunteer	Augustine Lussier	Jayden Smith
Need Volunteer	Roger Meyer	Michael Stolarski

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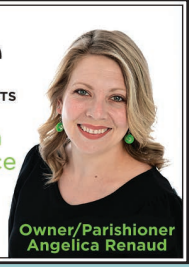
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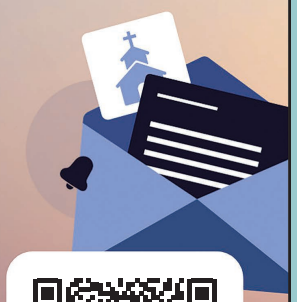

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